

For the Guys - Steps To A Perfect Proposal
by the Say Yes & Marry Me crew

1. **Surprise! I have deceived you...**

...but only for the right reasons. The bigger the surprise the better. Your ability to keep a secret will be strongly tested. You will want to tell everybody, but keep it to those who need to be involved. If you're really bursting — tell a stranger.

2. **You got somethin' in common dontcha?**

Build your proposal around something you both love or have in common

3. **Left field**

Don't do it when she (or he) expects it. These things go off best when they're least expected.

4. **Family and friends, or secret-sabotaging foes?**

If you let them in on the secret, make sure they can actually keep a secret. They can make wonderful agents for your proposal.

5. **Redirection**

Using confusion to redirect the one you love is acceptable in this circumstance.

6. **Lose your inhibitions**

Have fun with it . . . it's a once in a lifetime experience.

7. **Creativity**

You might crunch numbers for a living, but if you're ever going to use your imagination, now's the time!

8. **Fantasy**

Every one has a fantasy, play on that. Knight in shining armour? Scarlett O'Hara? Monica and Chandler? Your relationship, your call.

9. **Location, Location, Location**

Where you do propose is half the battle. Choose a unique spot. It could be a place that means something to both of you, like the restaurant where you had your first date. Or you may want to choose an impressive venue, such as the top of a ferris wheel, or the CN Tower.

10. **That's not soufflé... it's a ring!**

How you present the ring (assuming you're going the ring route) is another place where you can stand out. Sure anyone can pop a box out of a pocket, but how about sliding it into a glass of champagne, or around the neck of a cute puppy that you will raise together?